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[W. Smallwood, George Town, to Gov. Lee.] (Favor of Mr. Denny)

I arrived early the next Morning after I left Annapolis, at George Town, Col^o Adams had marched the day before from Cameron and crossed the Ferry at Colchester, I detached an Officer after him with Orders to leave at Dumfries the covered Waggon for the Officers of the first and second Regiments, Thirty five Tents, and two Waggons for use of the 4th Regiment, urging the necessity of this distribution that the Troops might fare alike, and that the State was making every exertion to forward Supplies to them, but as he paid no Attention to the former Order respecting the covered Waggon, it is doubtful whether he will comply with this, as he is more commonly actuated by caprice and invincible Obstinacy, than that propriety of Conduct which should ever mark and distinguish the Officer, but I have left it optional with him to comply with the order or Subject himself to an Arrest

I forwarded the Arms and Accoutrements for the third Regiment by water to Dumfries, in time I hope to fall in with the Regiment there, and procured an open Waggon for Conveyance of the Baggage of the Officers of the first and second until they could overtake the third.

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The inclosed Return from Major Roxburgh will explain the wants of his Regiment, most of the Articles are indispensably necessary, but without Camp kettles, Axes, Canteens Nap and Haversacks they cannot march; indeed Blankets and Shoes will be nearly as essential, I must therefore earnestly solicit that the above Articles may be forwarded with all possible dispatch. Major Roxburgh has received four Waggon from Frederick and now only waits for the Camp Kettles &^{ca}

I was at General Washingtons Seat last Saturday and Sunday expecting his arrival, but M^{rs} Washington receiving a Letter on Saturday Evening which left it doubtful whether he could take that in his rout, I came up to George Town on Sunday in my way to Baltimore in order to fall in with him there, but unluckily found when it was too late he had crossed over at M^r Diggeses. I am afraid I shall remain here longer than I expected to forward this Regiment

P. S. We have received Intelligence of Cap^t Parker from the Marquis's [army] that the French Squadron and Troops from Rhode Island had arriv'd safe and joined the Count de Grasse

September 13

[Will Deakins, Jun'r, George Town, to Gov. Lee.]

Inclosed you have a List of the subscriptions which I have rec^d in this Town, many of the Inhabitants have Subscribed to M^r Baylys Subscriptions, the Inhabitants of this Town have associated Generally but am sorry to say the Inhabitants in every other part of this County are very backward, every exertion is made in this little place to give free Circulation to the Currency